

COL. HOUSE REPORTS ON JOURNEY; CLOSETED FOR HOURS WITH CHIEF

President Wilson's Calendar of Engagements Set Aside for Discussion of Conditions Abroad

LANSING NOT PRESENT

WASHINGTON, March 6. Whether the United States can tender its good offices in an endeavor to end the European war, squarely before President Wilson today, his special envoy, Colonel E. M. House, who reached New York yesterday on the Rotterdam, reported at length on his observations abroad. For hours the President and the man who admittedly is closed to him than any other individual thrust out the general situation.

The regular calendar of Presidential engagements was halted. Outside in the corridors, men had fixed appointments to meet the President while the entire situation confronting the European belligerents was presented at first hand by "the man who never talks."

TWO CABARET CAFES, NOW UNDER BAN, FAIL IN NEW LICENSE PLEA

Court Refuses Liquor Permit to Whitey's Place and Roessels. Fewer Applications Are Made This Year

GRANT'S WOMAN'S APPEAL

Two well-known cabaret restaurants were refused a general of liquor licenses, previously revoked by the License Court in the opening session today. As a result, Whitey's Place, 32d and Market streets, and Roessels', on the southeast corner of 4th and Thompson streets, will be liquorless for another dry spell.

The license of Whitey's place was revoked last September on the complaint of various persons who thought that the cabaret and other features of the cafe were too rowdy. Application was made today by Leopold Levy. It was refused when Albert H. Ladinier, Jr., a lawyer, said that Whitey's place had been closed on all other saloons in the city, and that even other saloonkeepers were opposed to it.

D. Clarence Giboney, of the Law and Order Society, testified against Roessels, when Julius Frommagen, proprietor, tried to have the license, revoked in March, 1915, renewed. Giboney thought it was a bad precedent to renew licenses that had been revoked, especially in the case of such a notorious cafe as he said Frommagen's had been. Judges Barrett and Davis, who heard the application, refused to renew the license. Giboney said this saloon had been run for 25 years and that it had taken to rowdy features and "fast operators" only when it failed to get business in a legitimate way.

No particular eagerness by Judges Barrett and Davis to grant new liquor licenses was apparent today. There were 193 retail and 414 wholesale license applications. Of the retail applications only 56 were new, which is a smaller number than usual, it was said.

The applications were taken up ward by ward. One of the first of the new ones to be considered was that of Michael Di Rocco, who wanted a license for his restaurant on the northwest corner of 10th and Catharine streets. He said that he averaged 100 customers every time the dinner bell rang.

"You don't seem to need a license to help your business along," said Judge Barrett, and it was not granted.

"There are enough people in Philadelphia applying for licenses without our being annoyed by applicants that live in West Chester," was the excuse given by the court for refusing to grant a license to Luigi Tevali, who wanted to renew the license that was revoked in the Colonial Hotel, northwest corner of 7th and Christian streets. This is in the heart of the "blackhand" district of Little Italy, and many is the vindictive bullet that has flung against the walls of buildings in the neighborhood. Tevali admitted that he had lived in this city only three months.

Among the licenses granted was one to John Myer, who has a restaurant at 4th and South streets. Myer was arrested and placed on probation in 1914 for selling a fluid he manufactured in his cellar without a license. It is made out of grapes.

"Is it any relation to Bryan's grape juice?" asked Judge Barrett.

"No," replied Myer. "It sparkles like octar and brings new life."

SMILES IN FACE OF DEATH

Workman, Mutilated in Fall, Laughs and Jokes

"Am I going to die, doctor?" This and a score of other questions were asked by Anthony Quinlan today as he laughed and joked with Doctor Prosser, at the University Hospital, while the doctor and two nurses busied themselves with his injuries. Quinlan had just pitched head first into a brick pavement, 25 feet below a scaffolding, erected in the construction of a large building at Ludlow east of 24th street, which will be occupied by the Supreme Milk Company.

Quinlan was dragging some heavy material along the narrow place and did not see some ice that had formed. After he had been treated at the hospital he lost consciousness and his condition is thought to be critical. These were his injuries:

"READY-MADE" SHIPS WILL BE OFFERED BY NEW DELAWARE YARD

European Method of Carrying Specifications in Catalogue Will Be Introduced Here

GLOUCESTER REJOICES

"Ready-made" ships can be obtained at the \$3,000,000 shipyard, now building, of the Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Company, at Gloucester, the first company in this country to build ships according to this plan.

The difference between the "ready-made" method and the usual method of obtaining ships is that the specifications for the ready-made ship are on hand. The plans are ready. All a customer need do is to order ship No. so-and-so and it will be ground out, without any laborious drawing up of plans. It is like ordering a ready-made suit.

The new method, which is in vogue in Europe, is said to be the result of a strong demand for ships, the supply being limited. More firms want ships than there are yards to build them. Orders seek the company without solicitation and it has enough contracts to keep its yard busy for two years, according to Haakon E. Norbom, the president.

The company, he explained today, has what corresponds to the catalogue of an automobile house. It consists of plans and specifications of the types of vessels which the yard will build. None other save those listed in the catalogue will be undertaken by the company. The catalogue will not be distributed, as most catalogues are, but will be open to interested persons for examination.

Already work has been started on the plant to be constructed at Gloucester. It is expected that by August 1 all will be in readiness to begin work on the vessels now contracted for. It has been reported that the plant would cost \$4,000,000, but Mr. Norbom denied that today. He would not say what the cost would be, but hinted that it might be about half of that amount.

It is not generally known who the financial interests behind the project are. Mr. Norbom refused to say today whether it was American or European capital, but he said that the ships now contracted for were for Norwegian lines. The first boats will be 600-ton freighters. Mr. Norbom is a Norwegian who has made his home in this city.

About 400 men will be employed, Mr. Norbom said. The people of Gloucester hail with joy the prospect of having the plant situated there, for it is expected to be quite a boom to the community. The yard will be situated not far below the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Company.

Mr. Norbom said that that vicinity was chosen as the site of the plant because of the advantages in harbor facilities and the ease of obtaining shipments of steel and other materials. The yard will cover 15 acres.

LOCOMOTIVE DRIVERS SUSTAINED BY COURT

Engineers' Brotherhood Wins Case in Plea of Member Against Ousting

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 6.—Of nationwide interest was the sustaining by the court today of the demurrer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to the bill of William H. Engle, a member, to restrain the brotherhood from ousting Engle as a member because of alleged violation of the law of the brotherhood to refrain from joining other mutual beneficial associations, which he had done.

Engle complained that the brotherhood is a close corporation and is in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and also in violation of the United States postal laws.

124 BUILDING LOTS SOLD

West Philadelphia Operator Buys Tract on Boulevard

Benjamin R. Hoffman has purchased, through William H. W. Quick, from Edwin Wolf the block of ground between 7th and 8th streets, Lindley avenue and Ruscomb street, containing 124 building lots. The seller was represented in the transaction by Horace Groskin.

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Latest Achievement in Home of Mr. Wrogg, of Walton Avenue, West Philadelphia, Marked by Customary Neatness

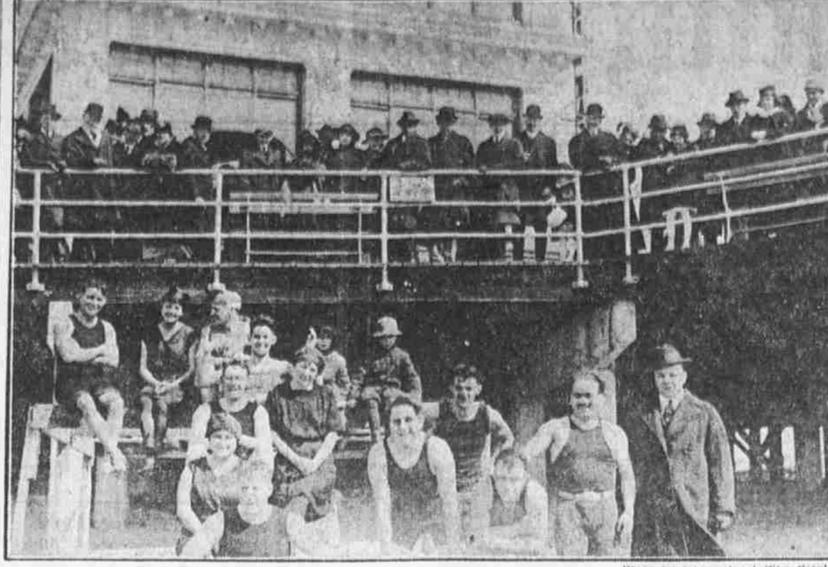
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ATLANTIC CITY BATHERS DON'T MIND THE WEATHER



The first surf bathers of the season took a dip at the shore yesterday, though it was a day when most persons would have preferred a warm fire. They call themselves the "Hygeia Polar Bears."

BLUE MONDAY BANNER DAY FOR ACCIDENTS

Figures Show Large Percentage of Mishaps Occur on First Day of Week

Monday gets a lot of blame for things it doesn't deserve. A large number of persons who awake with groggies and then eventually assemble in one building cannot hope to find sunshine and rainbows lurking around. Naturally, things start to go wrong immediately and continue to do so, because everybody is full of gloom from neck to heels and no one has any inclination to chase it. Finally they look out of the window and declare that it is an awful day.

One suburban commentator on human character, who has occasion to come in contact with a large number of people, declares that most persons are blue on account of the large quantity of food they eat on Sunday. He points to the fact that many arise late on Sunday, and after devouring a big breakfast squat around in armchairs until dinner time, when they again attack a feast, which is almost beyond human endurance and then instead of taking any exercise they dive into the Sunday papers or wander through innumerable magazines until bedtime, or perhaps wrestle with a Victrola.

Naturally, there is mutiny from within, commonly known as "that tired feeling." This condition of humans generally on Monday probably accounts for the large number of accidents on that day. According to a report recently issued by John Price Jackson, Commissioner of Labor and Industry, there were 6098 accidents in Pennsylvania during one month, and of these 1145 occurred on Mondays.

In the summer time there are more accidents on Monday than on any other day. Psychologists say that this is due to the fact that, having a day-and-a-half holiday, extending from Saturday noon, workers are more opposed to work on Monday than ever.

Decisions by Supreme Court

The Supreme Court met today and handed down a batch of decisions, among which were the following orders and judgments:

- Per curiam: Wolfe vs. Smith, Appeal from C. P. Armstrong County. Judgment affirmed. Pennsylvania Utilities Company vs. Lehigh Navigation Electric Company et al. Appeal from C. P. Dauphin County. Appeal dismissed. Commonwealth vs. Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. Appeal from C. P. Dauphin County. Judgment affirmed. Jones et al. vs. Jones et al. Appeal from C. P. Montgomery County. Degree affirmed. Bobbette vs. Philadelphia Transit Company. Appeal from C. P. No. 1, Philadelphia. Judgment affirmed. Reckles et al. vs. Delaware and Hudson Company. C. P. No. 3, Philadelphia. Judgment affirmed. White vs. White, C. P. No. 4, Philadelphia. Judgment affirmed.

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ground in West Philadelphia and had much to do with the development of the section west of 46th street.

Their purchase of the Northeast Boulevard is in line with others recently made there by operators and builders who have contributed materially in the last 10 or 15 years to the development of West Philadelphia.

Daniel Crawford, Jr., another builder, who has operated extensively in West Philadelphia, recently purchased from Edwin Wolf three blocks of ground from Wyoming avenue to Ruscomb street, between 8th and 9th streets, for a price of about \$120,000.

This tract adjoins the block just purchased by Mr. Hoffman.

MEXICAN OUTRAGES TOLD BY AMERICAN

Murder of Negro Family and Attack on Whites Described

NEW YORK, March 6.—Stories of outrages committed against Americans in Mexico were brought here today when the Ward liner Esperanza arrived from Mexican ports.

"Order and safety are virtually unknown except in or near certain cities," said Charles E. Brewster, of Washington. "I saw many affidavits describing the most revolting outrages committed by Mexican soldiers and bandits. One of these told how an officer and two soldiers manacled a Texas negro, his wife and their daughter at their home near Tampico. The ruffians first attacked the woman and then killed the entire family."

"But at the home of William Ward, a white man, the Mexicans encountered disaster. Ward and his 29-year-old wife lived near the negro family. Their house stood on a superstructure, high above the ground to protect it from dampness. When Ward refused the bandits' demand for admittance they began firing through the doors. Placing his wife in comparative safety, Ward leaped through a window with a repeating rifle in his hands. His first shot killed the officer, his second fatally wounded one of the soldiers and the third killed a second soldier, who, by this time had been seized with panic and was running away. Ward then fled into Tampico with his wife and was placed by the American Consul upon a tanker bound for Galveston."

Crazed Italian Held for Murder

The crazed Italian who killed a man and wounded five other persons last Saturday when he fired into a crowd with a shotgun was committed without bail for court by Magistrate Pennoek at a hearing this morning in Central Station. No new testimony was brought out at the hearing of the man, Antonio Di Primo, of 831 Washington avenue.

FIANCE ILL, COUPLE WED IN A HOSPITAL

Miss Mabel J. Robertson, Relative of Philadelphia Families, Becomes Bride in New York

Miss Mabel Joy Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Henton Robertson, and a relative of the Bush, Ridgway and Wayne families of Philadelphia, was married in a hospital, it became known today, to James Innes Coddington, a direct descendant of William Coddington, a Governor of Rhode Island.

They were married on Friday, in Miss Alston's private hospital, in West 87th street, New York, where Mr. Coddington has been ill for a week. In another week he would have been able to leave, but he couldn't wait, so the wedding that had been planned for New Haven, at the home of the bride, was called off and the bridegroom sat up in his white coat in the hospital and smiled through his big eyes as Bishop Frederick Courtenay performed the ceremony. The bride's parents and a few friends were the only guests.

Mr. Coddington found it necessary to go to the hospital for an operation of his nose a week before the marriage was scheduled. Complications followed the operation and his illness proved more serious than expected. His fiancée went to New York with her parents from her home in New Haven and the couple decided to have the ceremony performed then and there.

Mr. Coddington is the son of the late Colonel Clifford Coddington. His bride is the daughter of one of the leading lawyers of Connecticut. She is widely known in Philadelphia.

Sale at 11th and Courtland

William E. Rees has conveyed to Macroe Marks, who has conveyed to H. Le Roy Webb, subject to 27 mortgages aggregating \$76,400, the same number of building lots on 11th street between Courtland and Wyoming avenues. The lots are each 10 by 85 feet, and are assessed at \$269 each.

Scored Twice
A woman went to her club and read a paper that made a big hit. She acknowledged she got subject and argument out of the Woman's Club Department of The LADIES' HOME JOURNAL. But She got home late
Nothing daunted, she once more picked up her HOME JOURNAL—turned to the page: "Dishes That I Make in Ten Minutes"—and when her husband came home the dinner was ready!
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